

PUBLIC SESSION CITIZEN COMMENT

11/08/2021

Mr. Stephen Sturdivant-

Mr. Sturdivant stated that in a previous meeting it was mentioned that SPICE will return the remainder funds to Seat Pleasant. He would like to see the city receive the full amount of \$600,000 provided to SPICE.

Good evening Mr. Sturdivant:

Unfortunately, only the remaining assets of the \$600,000 is all that is available. The exact amount of this disbursement will be disclosed once the city has the check in hand and it is deposited and cleared the bank. The funds allocated to SPICE were spent by the SPICE board as compensation, travel for conferences, and reports. You may recall in a previous city manager report that this corporation was set up without any autonomy or oversight by the City of Seat Pleasant. It was explained to the council at the time of adoption that SEC rules prevented the sole owner of an account set up as a for-profit entity in conjunction with the city in partnership cannot have any management control. It was also reported at the time that the SPICE board was working voluntarily and would not be compensated. At least that is the understanding of the office of the city manager.

The current city council tried for months to obtain bank records indicating records of expenditures and withdrawals which were finally submitted after two years of inquiry. This is what prompted the city to request dissolution of the account and return of the remaining assets. The city attorney has informed me that the release and check made payable to the city should be received barring any unforeseen circumstances, this week.

Any members of the Council that are seeking the position of the Office of Mayor will they be recusing themselves from the process.

The city has been advised that a sitting council member who stands to gain financially and is running for a current seat cannot vote during the appointment process and must recuse him or herself.

Ms. Patrice Murray-stated that the Councilmember Streeter is office is available to assist Seat Pleasant in any way possible. She stated that the Halloween event was well attended.

Councilmember Sistrunk thanked Ms. Murray for attending the Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Ms. Murray stated that Seat Pleasant is her home, and she enjoys coming home.

Katrina Robinson-6110 Addison Rd wanted to express her appreciation for the community shred event held on Saturday, November 6, 2021. She stated that Mrs. Bilbro and Ms. Lipford made it happen for her boxes to be shredded.